

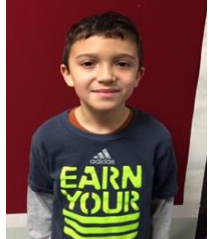





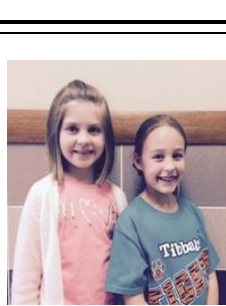








Wylie ISD recognizes the importance of fostering ethical, responsible and caring young people through an emphasis on the core values of the Wylie ISD community. These core values are:




- Respect and Responsibility
- Caring and Giving
- Grit and Preparedness
- Gratitude and Celebration

These students are being recognized for excelling at one or more of these core values and for “Shining the Way” with good character the third nine weeks.

Student	Campus	Grade	Teachers' Comments	Photo – jpeg Yes or No
Olivia Kinkaid	Akin Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade  Teachers: Ms. Cameron Ms. Prater	At Akin, we have a scholar named Olivia who exemplifies grit and preparation each and every day. Olivia pushes through hard skills and difficult tasks on a daily basis in order to be the best scholar she can be. Her commitment to work is extraordinary. Olivia is a student that will do things over and over until she understands. She is organized and ready for class every day. If she needs to attend a study hall or make up an assignment, she will make sure it gets done. We can always count on her to do her best work. All of these gritty things she does with a smile.	
Lieu Alak	Birmingham Elementary	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade  Teachers: Mrs. Chuang Mrs. Oliver	Lieu exemplifies grit and preparation on a daily basis. He is constantly aware of the expectations. He promptly begins his morning work without being reminded. He keeps up with his assignment and is diligent in asking for any extra materials to complete his work. Even when the work is challenging, he perseveres and does his best. Lieu displays grit each day in order to prepare himself for success.	
Aiden Grasso	Cox Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade  Teachers: Mr. Garrett Ms. Halligan Mr. Ashley	Aiden exemplifies grit and preparation. He exudes positivity and his fellow classmates admire his kindness and willingness to help out. You can count on Aiden to give his best effort despite the task. His preparedness is noticed in his participation as well as the level of effort he puts forth in his work. Aiden's happy disposition brings a smile to the faces of those around him. From the 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade teachers, we would like to thank Aiden for his strong character and commitment to success.	
Nikita Gronholz	Dodd Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade  Teachers: Mrs. Light Mrs. Thomas	Nikita exemplifies the qualities of grit and preparation daily. He takes pride in his work and always strives to complete the highest quality assignments. Nikita pays attention to the smallest details shown through his beautiful handwriting, meticulous illustrations and amazing projects. Many people can recognize his work just by the quality. Nikita's grit and preparation has allowed him to be very successful in 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade and will carry him far in the future...	

Karla Canales	Groves Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade  Teacher: Mrs. Nieto	Karla has such a great work ethic. She always listens carefully and puts her best effort into everything she does. When she struggles with a concept she asks for help and continues to practice until she excels at it. She attempts to solve problems before asking for help. Her peers recognize and comment on her persistence and hard work. Thank you Karla for being a great example to others.	
Jesus Garcia	Hartman Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade  Teacher: Ms. Saldivar	Jesus is new to WISD this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed having Jesus in my class this year. He is a determined, caring, and sweet young man. He has his challenges but works hard every day. Jesus comes to school every day ready to show grit with a smile on his face.	
Jose Ornelas	Smith Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade  Teachers: Ms. Hernandez Ms. Jaquez	Jose comes to school each day showing the same determination to work hard, be polite, respectful and a good friend. We can count on Jose to be a good example for others. He takes each day as a new challenge.	
Veeka Schlensker	Tibbals Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade  Teacher: Mrs. McKethan	Veeka is the perfect example of the Wylie Way. Not only does her character shine here at Tibbals, but she has put grit and preparation to work and has spread her amazing generosity to the Murphy Animal Shelter and the Christian Care Center. She, along with Kate Winters, put together their own store, sold items, and collected money to be donated. They ran the store together, planned it, collected items to sell, and counted the money. I am so proud of these two girls for coming up with this idea and putting their hard work to use for good. They are a great example of the Wylie Way going beyond our school walls and out into the community.	
Kate Winters	Tibbals Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade  Teacher: Mrs. McKethan	Kate is the perfect example of the Wylie Way. Not only does her character shine here at Tibbals, but she has put Grit and Preparation to work and has spread her amazing generosity to the Murphy Animal Shelter and the Christian Care Center. She, along with Veeka Schlensker, put together their own store, sold items, and collected money to be donated. They ran the store together, planned it, collected items to sell, and counted the money. I am so proud of these two girls for coming up with this idea and putting their hard work to use for good. They are a great example of the Wylie Way going beyond our school walls and out into the community.	
Logan Taber	Watkins Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade  Teacher: Ms. Blann	If you want to know the definition of grit, just come to room 202 at Watkins Elementary and take a look at Logan Taber. He always gives 100% effort in everything he does. His curious mind is constantly asking questions beyond the usual and he thinks of alternative ways to get tasks done. He is a major help to his friends and teacher. His willingness to help someone in need never extinguishes. He is an asset to my classroom. When I think of grit and preparation, Logan is the first person who comes to mind.	

Cailan Dowden	Whitt Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Teacher: Mr. Eby	Cailan always works hard and is eager to learn new things. He never gives up and does a great job encouraging his peers. He works great in group settings and is always willing to help.	
Isabella Ospina	Davis Intermediate	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Teacher: Ms. Adams	Isabella always comes to class prepared and ready to learn. She always goes above and beyond what is asked of her. Even when she hits obstacles, she doesn't let it get her down. She shows grit and preparation in both her academic classes and in her after school activities. She is part of both SMART Girls Club and Future Problem Solvers. Isabella often mentions that she is working and preparing to attend Harvard University.	
Faith Kleiman	Draper Intermediate	6 <sup>th</sup> grade Teacher: Ms. Fox	Faith has grown by leaps and bounds this year. She works hard not only in her classes, but outside as an athlete as well. She has learned to advocate for herself with respect and responsibility and when given challenges this year, she has risen to each one with grace and grit. She sets her goals high for herself and has high expectations for her teammates in order to reach them (even when those teammates are adults). She brings poise, passion, and drive for excellence to each new situation. I can't wait to watch her continue to grow. Faith, your grit and dedication are truly shining the Wylie Way.	
Christina Figueroa	Harrison Intermediate	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Teacher: Ms. Wortham	Christina is a very respectful and responsible student. She always takes responsibility for her own learning and does her best to complete her classwork, even when she misses part of class. She also shows her caring for others by helping whenever she has the opportunity. One day recently when I went to pick up my class from the cafeteria, Mr. Don pointed to Christina and told me she had gotten a broom and cleaned up a mess that two other students had made on the floor. When I talked to my class about it, I discovered that Christina had known that someone needed to clean the mess so she just did it. What an excellent example of caring and respect she set that day.	
Jeremy Kiuna	Burnett Jr. High	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Teachers: Burnett Staff	Jeremy came to Burnett the end of January from Nairobi, Kenya. In spite of the huge transition he has had to make, he always has a smile on his face and tries his hardest to do his best. He is outgoing and has won the hearts of the Burnett family.	
Elias Hoke	Cooper Jr. High	7 <sup>th</sup> grade Teacher: Mr. Coleman	He always shakes his teacher's hands and works hard in all of his classes. He is a great role model for all students at Cooper Junior High.	
Trinity Wells	McMillan Jr. High	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Teacher: Ms. Fleming	Trinity always demonstrates perseverance and tries her best. She never gives up and exceeds in all she does.	

Roderick Fuller	Wylie East High School	9 <sup>th</sup> grade  Teacher: Ms. Jones	<p>Roderick has displayed Grit and Preparation in Pre AP English I. He considered dropping Pre AP English I in the beginning of the year but I encouraged him to try the course first. He has worked really hard and has shown grit by accepting the challenges and makes a great effort to be successful. He prepares for his test by studying and coming to tutorials. He exemplifies the Grit and Preparation needed to be successful in the classroom.</p>	
Crystal Ennis	Wylie East High School	11 <sup>th</sup> grade  Teacher: Ms. Henderson	<p>Crystal has true grit when tackling school assignments and projects. She is predominantly homebound and is waiting for a kidney transplant procedure in the upcoming weeks. She keeps up the beat even when she is tired and weak. She pushes through and continues to participate in extracurricular events. She has true grit.</p>	
Dean Fitzsimmons	Wylie High School	11 <sup>th</sup> grade  Teacher: Potter	<p>Dean has some health issues which routinely keep him from class. He also has some physical limitations. He routinely seeks out the work he misses and does an excellent job at maintaining 'A' level work in math. It takes an incredible amount of energy after missing class for health issues to rebound and maintain an 'A', possibly more than any other coursework, truly builds on new material through the year. Dean exemplifies grit to fight through the hand life has dealt him to maintain such good grades.</p>	
Zeel Patel	Wylie High School	10 <sup>th</sup> grade  Teacher: Ms. George	<p>Zeel first came to America in 2013, midway during her Freshman year, and spoke very little English. She enrolled in regular Algebra I when she started at Wylie High School. I now have her as a sophomore in Pre AP Geometry. Her grades throughout the year have consistently improved. The first test she took in my class she made a 79. The last test she took she made a 100 when the class average was a 70. Zeel consistently turns in her homework and seeks help when needed. Having a hard-working student like Zeel is very encouraging.</p>	